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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed March 22, 2002, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

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1. (Thrice Amended) A method for inhibiting *in vivo* at least one of the proliferation and growth of lung cancer cells which express *hedgehog*, comprising contacting the cells with an amount of an agent effective to alter the proliferation or growth of the lung cancer cells, wherein the agent is selected from a *hedgehog* antagonist, a *ptc* agonist, and an *fgf-10* antagonist.